PARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Baked Potatoes.—Potatoes are more nutritious baked than they are cooked in any other manner, and they relish better with those who have not been accustomed to eat them without seasoning. Wash them clean, but do not soak them. Bake them as quickly as possible, will out burning in the least. As soon as they are done, press each potato in a cloth so as to crack the skin and allow the steam to escape. If this is omitted, the best potatoes will not be mealy. They should be brought immediately to the table.

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—A Tennessee farmer writes to the New York World that he loses more sheep during the dry months of August and September, than in all the rest of the year. During those months, the growth of vegetation is parched, the growth of fresh grass suspended, water scarce and bad, and the sheep are so troubled with the flies and heaf, that they stand or lie in the shade all day. As a consequence, they fall off and become sluggish, and the weaker ones die, particularly the lambs that come by the middle of February, both for keeping and for the early Northern market. To effectually remedy the evil complained of a soiling crop should be grown to feed the sheep in time of drought.

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—When you have done with your plows and other implements having bright surfaces, always clean them thoroughly. Wipe them dry, and before putting them away rub them lightly with lamp-black and fatty oil, or even lamp-black and kerosene. It will preserve the bright surfaces intact, if they are kept under cover as they should be, and save much brick-dust and water or oil when they are to be used again. Many good farmers have a cloth moistered with oil in the field to rub the bright surfaces of implements with, at

water or oil when they are to be used again. Many good farmers have a cloth moistered with oil in the field to rub the bright surfaces of implements with, at night, to prevent the rust that often attacks them after a day's work, particularly on soils that do not scour. It will be found to be a paying investment.

—Cherry Pudding.—A nice pudding can be made by boiling one-half pint of rice half an hour in five times as much water, and then pouring it boiling hot in one pint of wheat meal. Mix thoroughly, and place it in small spoonfuls in a nappy, (a round earthen dish with flat bottom and sloping sides,) interlaying it with one pint of cherries (or more if not juicy), and then ateaming half or three-quarters of an hour. Serve warm in the nappy, trimming it with melted sugar, or sweetened cherry juice, or some other sweet sauce. This recipe can be used for other such small fruits in their season, as will bear cooking enough to do the wheatmeal. Half an hour is the least that will answer for that purpose; three-quarters of an hour is better.

—Pineapple Preserve.—Slice the pineapple rather thinner to preserve than to eat, and take one pound of loaf sugar to one pound of fruit; powder the sugar, and place in the kettle alternately a layer of sugar and a layer of fruit. To each pound of fruit put three table spooniuls of water. Let it remain over a slow fire until the sugar is all melted; then boil it slowly until the fruit looks clear; take out the fruit plece by plece and lay them on a dish, until the sirup is boiled nearly to a jelly. Put the fruit in jars, and pour on the sirup hot. Cover the jars carefully with paper, which has previously been dipped on both sides in white of egg; this will secure their keeping and preserves the flavor of the pineapple. The addition of the juice of two or three lemons may be considered an improvement.—

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—Tender-Footed Horses.—An old man who has had much experience in handling and dealing in horses for more than half a century, said to me recently, that he had never known a horse to go "tender-footed" that was kept loose in a shed and yard, or in a box stall. That turning round and treading with their forward feet in the manure kept them constantly moist and soft. His theory appeard perfectly reasonable to me. I have no box stalls, but I use shavings for bedding, and every morning with a large shovel I move the wet shavings under the horse forward, in front of and under his forward feet, and then the last thing at night cover these with dry shavings for him to lie on. He also remarked that he had never known a flat-footed horse but what was a great worker.—Cor. Journal of the Farm.—Haspberry Jelly.—Ingredients—To each pint of juice allow § ib. of loaf sugar. Mode—Let the Raspberries be freshly gathered, quite ripe, and picked from

each pint of juice allow \$15. of loaf sugar. Mode—Let the Raspberries be freshly gathered, quite ripe, and picked from the stalks; put them into a large jar, after breaking the fruit a little with a wooden spoon, and place this jar, covered, in a saucepan of boiling water. When the juice is well draws, which will be in from three-quarters to one hour, strain the fruit through a fine hair sieve or cloth; measure the juice, and to every plat allow the above proportion of loaf sugar. Put the juice and sugar into a preserving-pan, place it over the fire, and boil gently until the jelly thickens, when a little is poured on a plate; carefully remove all the scum as it rises, pour the jelly into small pots, cover down, and keep in a dry place. This jelly answers for making raspberry cream, and for flavoring various sweet dishes, when, in winter the fresh fruit is not obtainable.

Stains in Black Goods.

It is sometimes difficult to remove stains from mourning dresses, but this may be done by using a decoction of fig leaves. To make this, boil a large handful of fig leaves in two quarts of water until it is reduced to a pint, remove the leaves and bottle the liquor. With a sponge dipped in the liquor rub the crape or cloth, and the stains will disappear. Fig-trees grow readily from cuttings, and are as eas, of culture as oleanders. Crape may be made over new by a simple process. It should first be thoroughly shaken and brushed to remove all dust from it, then held over a steaming kettle or laid out on the grass in the dew. Then it must be folded and laid between the lids of a large book or newspaper-file, and a heavy weight placed over it until it is dry. When by any mischance one is caught in a shower, and has a crape veil or other covering wet, if its reme ed as soon as taken from the person, folded and dried under a heavy weight, it will look as well as new. Mourning call-coes may be washed repeatedly without losing color if they are first placed in boiling hot suds, left there until the water is lukewarm, and then washed in the usual way. Starch used in stiffening them way. Starch used in stiffening them should be mixed with an infusion of It is sometimes difficult to remove stains

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